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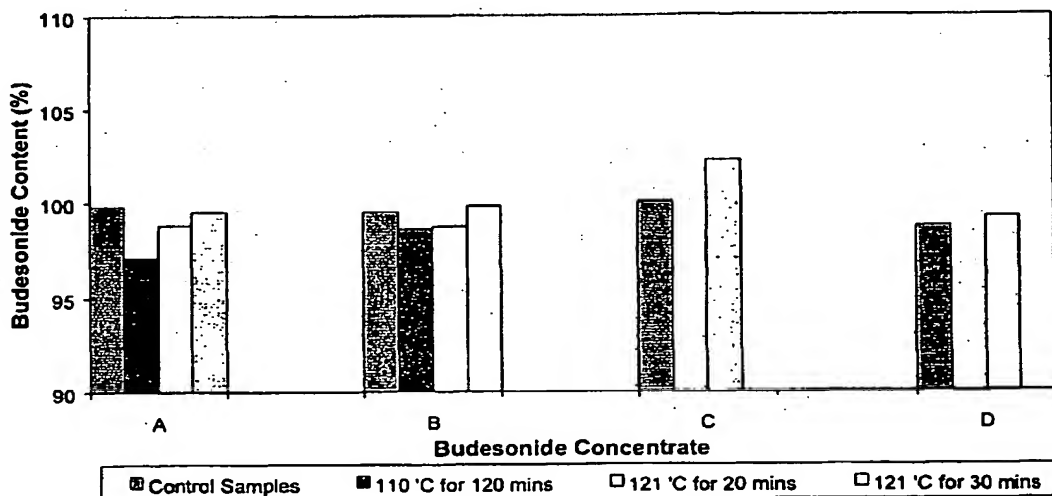
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(54) Title: **HEAT STERILIZATION OF GLUCOCORTICOSTEROIDS**



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for the sterilization of a labile glucocorticosteroid, which method comprises heat-treating by moist heat the labile glucocorticosteroid in the form of a suspension for a sterilizing-effective time. The methods and compositions according to the invention are useful as therapeutic tools to prevent, reverse, and/or reduce the symptoms of allergic and/or inflammatory conditions in a mammalian patient. The invention also provides methods and compositions, which may be manipulated and fine-tuned to fit the condition(s) to be treated while producing fewer side effects.



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